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Food and Drug Administration
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Re: Docket No. 98N-1265

Dear Sir/Madam of the FDA:

I am a consumer of health care services and would like to register my disapproval of your attempt to restrict the rights of pharmacists to suggest alternative drug products to consumers, like myself, and as I understand it, would also restrict alternative drug suggestions to physicians.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as published by you on January 21, 1999, ***must be amended***. I should be able to receive my compounded medication, I prefer the more specialized treatment that compounded drugs offer. Specialty pharmacies fill a unique niche and should have equal treatment under the law.

I do not have to tell you that the FDA is an agency of the U.S. Government and it purports to be the *watchdog* for consumer safety. *This is not a safety issue*. The FDA also has a responsibility to be accountable to the citizens.

As currently drafted, the MOU is too restrictive and it must be ***amended***.

Cordially,

Dawn Barrett

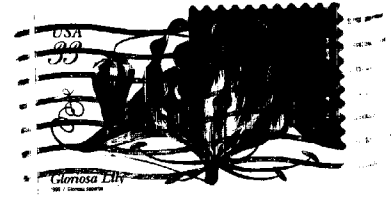
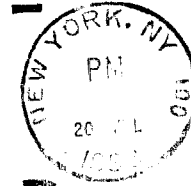
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